

The Honorable David G. Estudillo

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

RUTHANNA SHIRLEY, JOHNATHAN
HONE, CARLY PETERS, CHARLES
FRADY, MARCUS SANCHEZ, MORGAN
WINES, SAMUEL KOLB, STEPHEN J.
ANDERSON, THOMAS MOATS,
TRENTON DE BOER, DONALD BRADLEY
ALLEN, JOSHUA BELTZ, ERIC OSWALD,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE, a Washington State
Governmental Agency, KELLY SUSEWIND,
an individual, AMY WINDROPE, an
individual, LONNIE SPIKES, an individual,
STEVE BEAR, an individual, CRAIG
BURLEY, an individual,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:23-cv-05077-DGE

ORDER ON MOTION TO AMEND
ANSWER (DKT. NO. 20)

This matter comes before the Court on Defendants' stipulated motion to amend their answer. (Dkt. No. 20.)

1 Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 15 and LCR 15, the parties agree that Defendants may file the
2 proposed Amended Answer attached as Exhibit 1. The proposed Amended Answer adds only the
3 following to Defendants' list of affirmative defenses: "Accommodating Plaintiffs would have
4 imposed an undue hardship on the conduct of WDFW's business." Defendants have previously
5 raised this defense in other papers filed with the Court and sent to Plaintiffs, and no party objects
6 to this proposed amendment. Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2), a party may amend its pleading "with
7 the opposing party's written consent." Plaintiffs have so consented, and Defendants ask that the
8 Court approve this stipulated amendment. Under the Court's Order Setting Jury Trial and Pretrial
9 Dates (Dkt. 19), the deadline for amending pleadings was July 28, 2023, and trial is set for
10 December 2, 2024.

11 **ORDER**

12 Accordingly, and having reviewed Defendants' stipulated motion to amend their answer
13 and the remainder of the record, the Court hereby GRANTS the motion.

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15 DATED this 1st day of August 2023.

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20 United States District Judge
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